

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD INTERIM GROWTH MANAGEMENT
ORDINANCE
Adopted March 11, 2003**

1. Authority and Purpose

This ordinance is enacted pursuant to authority granted by NH RSA 674:23.

The Interim Growth Management Ordinance (IGMO) is intended to promote the orderly development of land within the Town and to promote the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Town.

2. Building Permit Limitations

No building permits for new dwelling units will be issued by Town of Northfield for the period of time from the date of posting of this proposed ordinance (December 21, 2002) until March 9, 2004. Provided, however, that lots of record shown by deed or recorded subdivision plan, prior to the date of posting of this ordinance (December 21, 2002), shall not be subject to this ordinance.

The provisions of this interim ordinance shall not apply to any residential subdivision or residential site plan application which has been formally accepted by the Planning Board prior to the first legal notice of the first public hearing on this proposed interim ordinance.

3. Administrative Procedures

The Selectmen are hereby authorized to establish administrative procedures necessary to implement this article. All such procedures shall be posted.

4. Appeals and Variances

Appeals and variances shall be handled in accordance with the Town of Northfield Zoning Ordinance.

5. Subdivisions and Multifamily Housing

The Planning Board shall not accept applications for a residential subdivision or a residential site plan review.

Developments for bona-fide, permanent affordable housing, as defined by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, or Housing for the Elderly shall be exempt from the provisions of this ordinance.

6. Conflicts

Where the provisions of this ordinance conflict with the provisions of any other ordinance or regulation, the more restrictive provisions which impose the higher standard shall control.

7. Severability

Should any part of this ordinance be held invalid or unconstitutional by a court, such holding shall not affect, impair, or invalidate any other part of this ordinance, and, to such end, all articles, sections, and provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

8. Adoption and Amendment

This ordinance may be adopted or amended in accordance with the procedures set forth in RSA 674:23.

9. Effective Dates

This ordinance becomes effective upon adoption and shall remain in effect until 11:59 PM March 9, 2004.